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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM ALEXANDRIA APR 12TH REPEATED FOR YOUR
ACTION:

QUOTE

FM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO: ALEXANDRIA 0261

FOR CHARGE FROM VALERGA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, LY, EG
SUBJECT: ATTACK ON LIBYAN CONSULATE

REF: CAIRO 6078

1. DESPITE VARYING REPORTS IN ARABIC PRESS RE CONDITION OF LIBYAN
CONSULATE I DROVE BY IT THIS MORNING AND CAN CONFIRM THAT IT WAS
SET ON FIRE AND DAMAGED INTERNALLY. FRONT DOOR APPEARS TO BE
GONE, GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS ARE OUT AND TOP FLOOR FRONT AND SIDE
WINDOWS SHOW CONSIDERABLE FIRE DAMAGE. ONLY EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY
IS SMALL NUMBER OF POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN, LATTER AS SOME WISPS OF
SOMKE STILL COMING FROM BACK OF BUILDING. HOWEVER, FLAG STILL
FLYING OVER BUILDING.

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2. AFTER VISITING SITE I CALLED ON COL. ABDEL HADI, OUR MOST
FREQUENT SECRUTII CONTACT. HIS STATED VERSION OF THE INCIDENT IS
THAT AFTER LOCAL PEOPLE READ IN THE PAPERS OVER THE WEEKEND ABOUT
THE DAMAGE TO THE EGYPTIAN CONSULATE IN LIBYA, SMALL CROWD OF 50 TO
60 CAME SUNDAY MORNING TO CONSULATE TO EXPRESS THEIR INDIGNATION.
ONLY AFTER AN AS YET UNIDENTIFIED LIBYAN CAME FROM WITHIN THE

CONSULATE AND BEGAN TO FIRE A PISTOL INTO THE AIR DID THE CROWD
SPONTANEOUSLY BECOME ANGRY AND ENTER AND SACK THE BUILDING.
HE QUOTE WAS NOT SURE UNQUOTE AS TO THE FATE OF THE LIBYAN WHO FIRED
THE GUN.

3. IN ORDER TO ELICIT A RESPONSE AS TO SECURITY CONDITIONS
LOCALLY I THEN ASKED THE COL IF IN RESPONSE TO THIS INCIDENT
AND PREVIOUS BOMBS IN ALEXANDRIA SHOULD I ADVISE MY EMPLOYEES
TO STAY OUT OF PUBLIC PLACE, CROWDS, ETC. FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS?
HE QUICKLY ASSURED ME THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT AND
THAT ALTHOUGH THE LIBYANS WOULD CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO CAUSE
PROBLEMS HIS SURVEILLANCE WAS VERY GOOD. HE EXPRESSED
CONFIDENCE THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED AND
THAT ANY LIBYAN ATTEMPTS WOULD BE NON-STARTERS. OTHERWISE,
ONE CONSULATE AMERICAN COMING BACK FROM AGAMI OVER THE WEEKEND
DID NOT PARTICULARLY THOROUGH POLICE CHECKING OF TRUCKS
ENTERING ALEXANDRIA.
VALERGA

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